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File No. 180-07

Serial Nos. 3-5, 8 & 9

Papers Filed.

Month May 1909

SUBJECT.

Re the architectural importance of a Chola temp
at Ramanahalli in the Arkalgud Taluk.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
Sls. 1 & 2 (Filed December '08)	

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NOTES.

Fm. File No. 180-07

FILE HEADING.

Report to the Govt. of India of any discovery of objects of archaeological interest in the State.

From

The Inspector General of ~~Education~~ Registration.

No. 1767 Dated 31-1-08 Received 31-1-08

Diary No. 3570	Enclos. 1	Spare Copies. -	Serial No. 3

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for information a copy of the Triweekly Supplement to the Madras Mail of 12-10-07 containing a letter to the Editor regarding the architectural ~~interest~~ importance of a Chola temple in Tirumalpadi which he understands from the Subdivisional Officer of that place, also contains some inscriptions.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Draft letter referring the matter to the Officer in charge of Archaeological Researches is submitted.

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May the draft issue?

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Issue

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Notes—First sheet.

GPB.—30,000—20-3-06.

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4	To the offcr in ch. of Archl. Researches in Mysore (thro' D.S of Education) No. G.4774 Dt. 14-2-08 — Requests him to arrange for the decipherment of the inscriptn refd to in the ~~letter~~ newspaper recd with Sl.3 requests him to submit a report on the same.
5	From the I. G. of Edn. No. 7221/492 Dt 5-8-08 With refce to the above, forwards letter no. 191 Dt 29-2-08 from the officer in charge of Archaeological Researches in Mysore returning the Triweekly issue of the Madras Mail Dt 12-10-1907 sent with Sl. 3 and stating that the report called for will be submitted after the inscription is deciphered. This may be filed for the present. Submitted. File VS 11-3-08. 11.3.08 WWD NR 11-3-08
6	From the I. G. of Edn. Letter No. 4331/275 Dt 30.11.0 Forwards Letter No. 67 Dt 26.11.08 from the Officer in charge of Archaeological Researc

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Serial No.

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Researches in Mysore reporting upon the Siva Temple at Ramenahalli, Arkalgud Taluk and the inscriptions found in it, with a photograph of the temple.

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The letter gives a full description of the temple and the inscriptions. As all discoveries of archaeological interest are to be reported to the Govt of India, a draft letter, to the Resy embodying the descriptions &c given by Rao Bahadur Narasimhachar, is put up.

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As only one copy of the photograph of the temple is ~~sent~~ received it cannot be sent to the Govt of India.

Orders are solicited on the question of the restoration of the temple. The Officer in charge of Archl Researches is of opinion that, for reasons given, the temple does not deserve the labour and expense of restoration.

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Under rect, 2-12-08

No letter to the Resr is necessary. The papers may be simply filed. GB 4/12/08

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GPB—50,000—18-5-08

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Second Councillor's Note on Gen. Dept. Fin. 210 of 1907-08 dt. 1-4-08:

"In this I see a file about Ramanathalli Temple, in which we initiate an enquiry on a letter in the Madras Mail. The Archæological Officer's reply would be useful to the Public as interesting information. Is there any rule pro or against communicating such information to the press? — (Sd.) H.V.N. 15-4-09."

"No rule against. It is a matter within the discretion of Govt. — (Sd.) K.S.C. 16-4-09."

"Extract relating to Ramanathalli temple may be placed on press table — (Sd.) C.S.B. 16-4-09.

Draft. Submd. may the draft be approved issued

28/4 Yes. 29/4 CSB

9. No 5622 dt. 1-5-09. Placing on the Press table the above correspondence on the subject of the Shiva temple at Ramanathalli.

GPB—50,000—18-5-06

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From The Inspector General of Registration in Mysore Bangalore

To The Secretary to the Govern-ment of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore. General and Revenue Departments Bangalore

Dated 31st } January 1908
Despatched }
Received

General No. 1767
No.

Enclosure No. 1.

Forwarding for information and such action as the Govern-ment may deem fit to take in the matter the Triweekly supple-ment to the Madras Mail da-ted 12th October 1907 containing a letter to the Editor bringing to notice the Architectural im-portance of a Chola temple in the Akalgud Taluk.

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Office of the Inspector Gen
Registration in Mysore,
Dated Bangalore, 31st January 19

No. 1767
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From

H.H.Sparkes Esq,
Inspector General of Registration
in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer Esq, B.A.,
Offg.Secretary to the Govt.of H.H.
the Maharajah of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

Pursuant to the orders of Government contained
their Proceedings No.C.3774-813/G.H.180-07-2 dated 24th
1907, I have the honor to forward herewith, for informatio
such action as the Government may deem fit to take in th
the Tri-Weekly Supplement to the Madras Mail dated 12th
1907 containing amongst the letters to the Editor one b
to notice the Architectural importance of a Chola Templ
kalgud which the Sub-Registrar of that Station from who
paper was received also states contains some inscriptio
is now in ruins.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient serva

H.H.Sparkes

Inspector General of Regis

From

Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To The Officer in Charge of Archæological Researches and the Director of Ethnography

Dated

Despatched 14.2.08

Received

General No. G. 4774

Genl. No. 180-07-4

Enclosure No. 1

In inviting attention to the letter published, under the title of "A Chola Temple in Kolar", in the Correspondence Column of the accompanying Bi-weekly Supplement to the Madras Mail of 12-10-07, has the honour to request the Archæological Officer to arrange for the decipherment of the inscription referred to therein and ~~to~~ submit a report ~~as required~~ in accordance with the instructions conveyed in this office Memo No. G. 3774-813 Gen 180-07-2 dt. 24-12-07.

By order

12/2/08

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE,

No. 7221/492 Enclosures 2. Bangalore, 5th March 1908.

G.M.P. 180-07-5

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From

H. J. BHABHA, ESQ., M.A.,
Inspector-General of Education in Mysore.

To C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq. BA
Offg. Secretary to the Government of H.H.
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Depts.,
Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your docket No. G. 4774/G.M. 180-07-4 dated 14th February 1908, I have the honour to forward herewith letter No. 191 dated 29th February 1908 from the Officer in charge of Archaeological Researches returning the Triweekly issue of the Madras Mail dated 12th October 1907 sent with your docket, and stating that the report called for will be submitted after the inscription is deciphered.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Inspector General

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From R. Narasimhachar, Esqre, M.A.,
Officer in charge ~~The Director~~ of Archæological Researches in Mysore

To C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esqre, B.A.,
Offg. ~~The~~ Secretary to the Govt. of ~~Mysore,~~
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Depts.
(Through the Inspector-General of Education)

Dated Bangalore, 29th February
Despatched
Received
General No. 191
No.

Enclosure No. one

Sir,

As desired in your docket No. G 4774 - G.m 180-07-4 of the 14th instant, I have the honour to return herewith the tri-weekly supplement to the Madras Mail of the 12th October 1907 and to state that a report will be submitted after the inscriptions are deciphered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

L. Narasimhachar

Officer in charge of Archl.
Researches in Mysore.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE,

No. 4331/275 Bangalore, 30th November 1908.

From

H. J. BHABHA, ESQ., M.A.,
Inspector-General of Education in Mysore.

To

K. S. Chendrasekhara Iyer Esq. B. A. B. L.
Secretary to the Government of H. H.
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Jeneral and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith letter N° 67 of 26-11-1908 addressed to you by the Officer in charge of Archaeological Researches, submitting with reference to your dorkst N° G 4774 - G M. 180-07-4 of 14-2-08 his report on the inspection and decipherment of the inscriptions in the Siva Temple at Ramenahalli Arkalgud Taluk.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant,

H. J. Bhabha
Inspector General.

Encl to G.M. - 182-07-8

No. 67 with a photo

Mysore Archaeological Office,

Bangalore, 26th November 1908.

From

R. Narasimhachar, Esquire, M.A.,

Officer in charge of Archaeological Researches

in Mysore,

To

S. Chendrasekhara Iyer, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to the Government of His Highness

the Maharaja of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments.

(Through the Inspector-General of Education in Mysore.)

Sir,

With reference to your docket No. G.4774/G.M 180-07-4 dated 14th February 1908 requesting that arrangements may be made for the decipherment of the inscriptions in the Siva temple at Ramenahalli, Arkalgud Taluq I have the honour to state that in the middle of last month the temple was inspected and the inscriptions examined.

2. There are five inscriptions in the temple. Of these, four are already printed in the Hassan volume as Nos. 14-17 of the Arkalgud Taluq. The remaining inscription which is on a stone in front of the temple is the only one referred to by the correspondent to the Madras Mail. As the letters of this inscription are mostly worn out, its purport only was given

in brackets under Arkalgud No. 13 in the Hassan volume. Now, however, it has been possible to decipher and copy a large portion of this inscription, though the top part is completely effaced. The epigraph records that a certain Rāmaiya (also called 'minister Rāma' in another part of the inscription), the Śrīkaraṇa-heggaḍe of Koṅga-nāḍu, having built a town named Rāmapura and a tank named Rāmasamudra, set up the god Rāmanātha in 1213 A.D. and granted some lands to provide for daily offerings, perpetual lamps and certain festivals.

3. It will thus be seen that the Śiva temple at Rāmēnahalli was built in 1213 A.D. during the reign of Ballāḷa II. Under the Hoysalas the Arkalgud Taluq and the adjacent portions were known as Koṅga nāḍu and Rāmaiya was the officer put in charge of this division at the time of the record. Consequently no Chola King had anything to do with the temple as stated by the correspondent.

4. This temple is built in the Chalukyan style of architecture. From one of the inscriptions at the temple we learn that the tower and other portions which had fallen down were repaired in 1719 A.D. by one Shanbog Veṅkaṭēśaiya who rebuilt them with brick and chunam. From an architectural point of view there does not seem to be anything very remarkable about this temple. The four pillars in the raṅga-maṇṭapa do not show any good workmanship though the capitals show some scroll and bead work. The only thing that attracts some attention is the central bhuvanēśvari in which there is some artistic work. Be

SIVA TEMPLE AT RAMENAHALLI, ARKALGUD TALUQ.

No Gb222
Fin 180-07-9. 9/5/08

The following correspondence ~~Correspondence~~ on the subject of restoring the Siva Temple at Ramanathapuram in the Arkalgud Tq Hassan, placed on the Press table is ~~tabled~~ for general information:

This Office letter No. G.4724 Fin 180-07-4 dt. 16.2.08. (with the letter in the Madras Mail referred to therein) ~~to the Collector of Hassan~~ and the Archaeological Officer's letter No. 672. 26.11.08 to be copied here in extenso.

By order,

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when compared with the ones in the temples around Halebid and i
those at Koramangala, Harnahalli, Hiri-Kadalur, Arsikere and othe
places in the Hassan District it pales into insignificance. There ca
be no manner of comparison between this temple and the one at
Somanathapur. There are hundreds of temples in the Hassan District
resembling the one at Rāmēnahalli. I do not think it deserves the
labour and escpense of restoration.

5. A photo of the temple is sent for inspection.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant.

L. Narasimhachar

Officer in charge of Archl. Researches
in Mysore